

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

John Anthony Sullivan

SERIAL NO.: Unknown

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TITLE: Sheet Material Processing

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DECLARATION

As below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Sheet Material Processing**, the specification of which

\_\_\_ is attached hereto

X was filed on 3/24/2000 as PCT Application No. PCT/GB00/01129 and for which a preliminary amendment was filed in the USPTO on herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day, Month, Year, Filed)</u>	
PCT/GB99/01010	PCT	31/03/99	Yes
PCT/GB99/02040	PCT	29/06/99	Yes
9916159.8	GB	10/07/99	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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24 March 2000

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(PCT Filing Date)

(PCT Application No.)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Applicant or Patentee: John Anthony SULLIVAN  
International Appl. No.: PCT/GB00/01129  
Filed: 24 March 2000  
For: Sheet Material Processing

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING  
SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))  
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled described in:

☐ the specification filed herewith  
☒ International application no. PCT/GB00/01129  
☒ filed 24 March 2000

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed except as shown in the attachment hereto and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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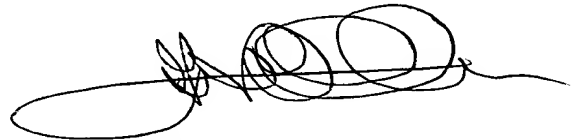
FULL NAME:

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☐ Individual ☐ Small Business Concern ☐ Nonprofit Organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28 (b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.



**John Anthony SULLIVAN**

8th August 2001

**Date**

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Honorable Commissioner

of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

As a named inventor, I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney and appoint the following to conduct the prosecution of this application/maintenance of the patent and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Anthony Sullivan', written over a horizontal line.

John Anthony SULLIVAN

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### SHEET MATERIAL PROCESSING

being further identified as Serial No. 09/936,917, filed 09/20/2001, attorney docket number 2165JB.045631.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

### PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED
PCT/GB00/01129	PCT	03/24/2000	<u>X</u> YES
PCT/GB99/01010	PCT	03/31/99	<u>X</u> YES
PCT/GB99/02040	PCT	06/29/99	<u>X</u> YES
GB 9916159.8	GB	07/10/99	<u>X</u> YES



I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in any prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Parent Application No: \_\_\_\_\_  
PCT Parent Application No: \_\_\_\_\_

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The undersigned, being the inventor(s) named in the above-identified patent application, hereby appoints:

James E. Bradley, Reg. No. 27,536;      Albert B. Kimball, Jr., Reg. No. 25,689;  
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Jeffrey S. Whittle, Reg. No. 36,382

jointly and severally, as his attorney or agent, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith and to receive the Letters Patent. All previous powers, if any, are hereby revoked.

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